



Federal Legislative Update

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REVIEW OF 2021 CONGRESSIONAL SESSION

Congress passed several big-ticket items in 2021:

Law	Description
American Rescue Plan Act	\$1.9 trillion Covid-19 response and stimulus package
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	Surface transportation reauthorization, plus funding for broadband, water infrastructure, and more
National Defense Authorization Act	\$768 billion measure authorized \$25 billion more than White House requested
Debt limit increases	Separate increases of \$480 billion and \$2.5 trillion, likely ensuring debt limit won't be reached until after the midterm elections

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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION 2022

- Lawmakers have returned to Washington for the second session of the 117th Congress with much left on their to-do list, while facing election-year headwinds
- Both chambers are in session for a brief 100 days of in-person session
- Key dates in 2022:
 - Feb. 18: Federal funding under December (CR) expire
 - March 1: State of the Union address
 - Sept. 30: End of FY 2022
 - Nov. 8: Midterm congressional elections
 - ✓ All 435 House seats are up for election; 34 Senate seats are up this year

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CONGRESSIONAL PRIORITIES 2022

- Federal Appropriations
 - Continuing resolution expires Feb. 18
 - Lawmakers negotiation: Top-line spending totals; policy riders; earmarks; Covid-19 supplemental
 - FY 2023 budgeting process initiated when President Biden puts forward a proposed budget
- Build Back Better Act
 - Democrats' \$1.75 trillion social spending package (H.R. 5376), stalled in the Senate as lawmakers consider what to include in trimmed-down package
- Voting Rights legislation and changes Senate Rules
- Legislation addressing U.S. competition with China
- Advancing executive and judicial nominations

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2022 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

City Position: Infrastructure & Community Needs

Charlotte will continue working with Congress and the Biden Administration to secure federal resources to advance local and regional infrastructure needs

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

- In November, President Biden signed into law the \$1 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- Implementation underway at federal agencies
- Includes federal resources for: Surface transportation; aviation; rail; environment; sustainability and resiliency; cybersecurity; digital inclusion

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2022 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

IIJA New Spending Breakdown:

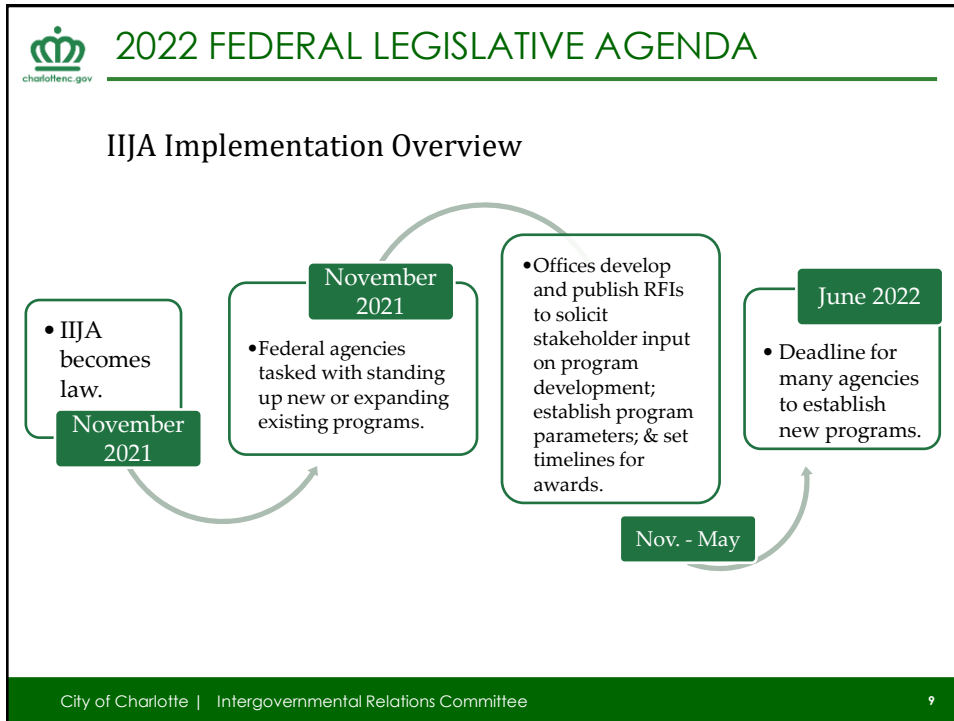
Area of Investment	Total (5 years)
Roads & Bridges	\$110 Billion
Energy Infrastructure	\$73 Billion
Rail Services	\$66 Billion
Broadband	\$65 Billion
Water Infrastructure	\$55 Billion
Flooding & Climate Resiliency	\$47 Billion
Public Transit	\$39 Billion
Airports	\$25 Billion
Environmental Remediation	\$21 Billion
Ports	\$17 Billion
Electric & Low Emission Vehicles	\$15 Billion
Transportation Safety	\$11 Billion



2022 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Build Back Better Act (BBB):

- \$1.75 trillion social spending and climate bill; stalled in Congress
- Could include federal resources for:
 - Affordable housing
 - Sustainability and resiliency
 - Digital inclusion
 - Workforce development
 - Community development
 - Public safety



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 **2022 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

City Position: Comprehensive Immigration Reform

Charlotte supports the continuation of the H-1B Visa program and changes to the program that streamline processing times and allow spouses of Visa holders to work and volunteer and support a path to citizenship for those in Temporary Protected Status and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) programs and asylum seekers

- Congressional Democrats are re-grouping on immigration reform in the BBB, as key proposals face challenges and the overall package remains in flux

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NEXT STEPS

- February 21:
 - Federal Legislative Update
 - Preview of Congressional Delegation Briefings

- March 14 – 16:
 - Congressional Delegation Briefings
 - National League of Cities Congressional Cities Conference